

REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner for his guidance and suggestions in the Interview conducted on September 14, 2006 discussing possible claim amendments for this case. Currently, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 13, and 27 are currently pending in this application. Amendments to claims 1 and 27 are made herein, corresponding the to claims discussed in the Interview with the Examiner. Consequently, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 13, and 27 are in condition for allowance.

In addition to the claim amendments, amendments to Figures 7c and 7d are being made in this response as suggested in the Interview. The amended figures more accurately depict the apparatus.

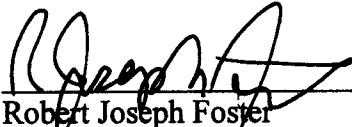
Conclusion

Applicants have complied with all requirements made in the above referenced communication. Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and therefore, respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should matters remain, which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account Number **50-2638**. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 58934-010300 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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